

**TOWN COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
MAY 21, 2003**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. Present were Mayor Truex, Vice-Mayor Starkey, Councilmembers Crowley, Hubert and Paul. Also present were Town Administrator Willi, Town counsel Parks, and Town Clerk Muniz recording the meeting.

Anthony Lepore spoke of the need for input from Council to modify the interim telecommunication ordinance so that a final draft could be made that would reflect new federal regulations. He spoke of recent House legislation that affected the processing of colocation applications. Mr. Lepore spoke of attempts by the cellular community to increase the number of towers by speaking about E-911 capabilities. He felt this was a non-issue because the GPS capabilities of the handset dictated whether this technology would be implemented, rather than an increase in the number of towers. Mr. Lepore addressed Over the Air Reception device issues and the limitations of municipality regulations for small devices. He spoke of the hierarchy of preferred sites and asked if Council wished to modify this hierarchy.

Vice-Mayor Starkey confirmed that five collocations were the maximum on a tower. She wanted to know if there would be any problem with interference from other towers placed along side each other or near one another. Vice-Mayor Starkey was concerned that it might cause a radiation problem. Mr. Lepore indicated that there was a cumulative RF effect when many towers with collocations were placed in close proximity. Vice-Mayor Starkey asked if the ordinance could address that issue. Mr. Lepore indicated in the affirmative.

Mr. Lepore asked whether Council still wished to have a public hearing for all cellular tower applicants. Councilmember Paul thought that Mr. Willi could handle collocations, but that new applications should come before Council. Vice-Mayor Starkey indicated that if a site was already landscaped and a request for colocation was made, that improvements to landscaping also be required. Mayor Truex felt that all requests should come before Council since only three requests had been submitted in the past year. Councilmember Hubert and Councilmember Crowley expressed a desire to see any requests for new sites, but not for colocation.

Mr. Lepore asked if an existing provider wanted to upgrade the technology and maintain the antenna height, would it need to come before Council or could a mechanism in the ordinance be made to allow staff to handle these requests. Council indicated that the ordinance and staff could handle the request.

Mr. Lepore spoke of the fee structure and sought direction on the fee structure. Vice-Mayor Starkey made some minor language recommendations that she wanted implemented in the final draft of the ordinance. She also asked for pictures depicting stealth poles that looked like windmills.

Mayor Truex asked for clarification on moving the priority of the colocation. Mr. Lepore believed that Council's direction was to move it up one slot, which would put stealth-attached first, then colocation and finally stealth.

Mr. Lepore indicated that he hoped to bring a final ordinance back to Council within 20 days.

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Mayor Truex referred to the House Bill and asked if it had been signed into law. Mr. Lepore indicated it had been signed by the House and the Senate, but could not confirm that the governor had signed it.

Mayor Truex asked if Town properties were given preference in the interim ordinance. Mr. Lepore indicated in the affirmative.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Truex adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

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Mayor/Councilmember

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Town Clerk